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# The Names Scientist As Member of AEC



International News  
DR. JOHN von NEUMANN  
appointed to AEC

The White House listed Von Neumann as a political independent, which makes the new Commission lineup three Republicans, one Democrat and one independent. The law does not require any specific political ratio among the Commissioners. The only Democrat, Thomas E. Murray, is the sole remaining appointee of former President Truman.

Von Neumann is the second current member of the commission to have a scientific background. The other is Dr. Willard Frank Libby, a University of Chicago atomic scientist appointed to succeed Dr. Henry D. Smyth last September 30.

Both nominations must be passed on by the Senate.

Von Neumann became a naturalized citizen on August 1, 1937. Besides achievements in the scientific and educational fields, he has served on a number of Government advisory groups including the General Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission and, as chairman of a nuclear weapons panel, on the Air Force's Scientific Advisory Board. He also has been a consultant to the Central Intelligence Agency.

## Von Neumann Named AEC Commissioner

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### Von Neumann Restates Faith in Oppenheimer

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 29

President Eisenhower yesterday named a 50-year-old mathematics professor, Dr. John von Neumann, to the remaining vacancy on the five-man Atomic Energy Commission.

A naturalized American who was born in Budapest, Hungary, Von Neumann succeeds Eugene M. Zuckert in the \$18,000-a-year post for a five-year term ending June 30, 1959. Zuckert left when his term expired last June 30.

Von Neumann has compiled a distinguished record as a scientist and has been a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J., since 1933.

Director of the Institute is Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the pioneer atomic scientist who was declared a security risk by the Commission last June. He had been an adviser to the Commission. The Institute is not a

Dr. John Von Neumann was one of 26 members of the Institute for Advanced Study who issued a statement last June saying their confidence in the loyalty of Institute Director J. Robert Oppenheimer had not been shaken by his loss of Government security clearance.

Von Neumann said today following his appointment as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission that he stands by the statement signed then. He said he would ask for a leave of absence to take up his new duties if his appointment is confirmed, but would not resign from the Institute.

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